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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Two weeks ago Floyd McKISSICK, former national director of CORE, announced plans for the creation of "Soul City" in Warren County, North Carolina. Although specific plans for Soul City are still being "firmed up," McKISSICK's plans seem well-conceived and reflect considerable thought. Several prominent people including former Secretary of Agriculture, Orville FREEMAN have supported the McKISSICK "brain-child." It is envisioned that Soul City may well be the prototype of future black communities throughout the South.

McKISSICK knows that he must draw both capital and expertise from the white community along with the support of white political leaders from the local, state, and national level. The Soul City experiment is enhanced by the fact that a very poor county in North Carolina has been selected. Warren County with a present population of 18,000 is economically in the lowest 10th of North Carolina's 100 counties with an average annual median income of \$1,958. Further, Warren County is the only county in North Carolina with a present Negro population that outnumbers white. Public school enrollment is over 75 percent Negro. There are no major towns (Warrenton, the county seat with a population of about 3,000 is the principal urban center.)

McKISSICK presently holds an option to buy a former cotton plantation containing 1,810 acres at a rate of approximately \$215.00 per acre (total quoted cost \$390,000.00). The plantation lies on or near major rail and highway transportation routes and is near a good water supply.

The sole economy of Warren County, agriculture, has been depressed since at least early 1920's when the boll weevil killed King Cotton. Tobacco is now the main crop but Warren County is actually on the fringe of the good tobacco land in the Carolina Coastal plain (most of the county lies in the poor soil Piedmont region). The greatest hope for the county economically is industrialization and McKISSICK says several large national corporations have made fairly firm commitments to locate in Soul City. McKISSICK's Warren County lawyer who contracted the land option, T. T. CLAYTON (the first Negro lawyer in the county), states that a number of white businessmen and bankers are also interested in the project.

Soul City with a total projected population of 18,000 (doubling the present county population), though a distinct possibility, remains a long way from reality. McKISSICK and CLAYTON

must raise sufficient money (\$25,000,000) and overcome local political opposition from the White "in's" who fear that if Soul City becomes a reality they will find themselves "out's" and at the political mercy of an overwhelming black majority.

The British public is growing impatient with continued student unrest at the London School of Economics. The school, with an enrollment of 3,000, is part of the 30,000-student University of London and has been the center of leftist student dissent in recent weeks. The British government will probably assume, in the near future, a tougher posture with those involved in disrupting the academic institution.

About 10 percent of the LSE student body including four American graduate students were involved in a recent violent demonstration. Following the demonstration the school was closed. The participants were described by a member of Parliament as anarchist and a new brand of revolutionaries for whom, as yet, there is no name. They are not Socialists nor even respectable Marxists, states the Parliamentarian. Members of the British Parliament can be expected to press the Education Ministry for direct action to return tranquility to the campus. Since nearly all British students receive government grants for education, the withdrawal of funds to those taking part in disruptive dissent activities will probably be the form of government action to end the leftist threat to the traditional British academic system.

Mr. Edward SHORT, the Minister of Education states that the four unidentified Americans cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars in subsidy. He believes (and has told Parliament) that all the student troublemakers, who he describes as "thugs" should "be thrown out on their necks."

"It is monstrous to disrupt the life of a college, university, or school because of Vietnam, Nigeria, or race, or because you are opposed to Capitalism."

Another tactic for dealing with student protest was recently demonstrated at the University of NAIROBI in Kenya. On Friday, January 24, the 1,200 students initiated a boycott of classes when the national opposition leader, Oginga ODINGA was refused permission to speak. The students boycotted in a demand for Academic freedom. On Monday, January 27, Kenyan President Jomo KENYATTA dispatched 200 policemen and closed the University. Hundreds of foreign students were evicted from dormitories and many now have no travel money and nowhere to stay. The Kenyan government has not said when, if ever, the University will be reopened. The closure action was taken after the students defied

a government order to return to classes. The Kenyatta overreaction certainly solves an immediate problem. Over the long haul, however, it would seem ill-advised to deprive the country of sorely-needed academic proficiency. The outside observer wonders if some accommodation could not have been found or at least sought.

Warren HINCKLE, III, resigned yesterday as president and editorial director of Ramparts magazine amid efforts of the radical publication to reorganize. Estimated to be 1½ million in debt and close to filing for bankruptcy, the magazine is facing another serious financial crisis.

HINCKLE said he had accepted financial support to start a new radical magazine to be called Barricades and that the first issue would appear 25 February. He said he expected most of the editorial staff of Ramparts to join him in the new venture.

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

*The East Side Service Organization, also known as Up Against the Wall (obscene), has indicated that they plan to bomb Selective Service offices in New York and in Buffalo sometime in the future. Original plans were to bomb the offices on 27 January but these were cancelled for unknown reasons.

*Representative Edith GREEN (D.-Oregon), chairman of the House sub-committee on high education, plans to hold hearings next month to take "a total look at higher education" focusing on campus disorders. College students, faculty, and administrators as well as sociologists and other experts will be called to appear before the subcommittee. Details of the hearings have not been worked out yet.

Mrs. GREEN said, "I'm sick and tired of a minority...making it impossible for the majority who want to attend classes" to do so.

February 1969

Austin, Texas - Austin SDS is considering the feasibility of demonstrating against Walt ROSTOW, special assistant to President JOHNSON, when he arrives at the University of Texas to take up duties as Professor of Economics. SDS is considering using the words "Pinkle" and "Commie" to describe Mr. ROSTOW.

February 1

*A leaflet is being circulated in the New York area by The Resistance stating that it plans to sponsor an open meeting and demonstration in front of the Soviet Mission to the U. N. The purpose of the action is to protest Russian oppression in Czechoslovakia.

February 3-5

Washington, D. C. - The Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam (CLICAV), a national interfaith, anti-war organization, has announced plans for its Third National Mobilization of persons from the religious community - the theme: "Vietnam and the future of the American Empire." They plan to hold discussion sessions, stage lobby-type demonstrations, and to visit each Senator and Representative.

February 5

Washington, D. C. - The Black United Front (BUF), which on 10 January 1969 announced it was cancelling plans to hold hearings seeking solutions to crime problems in Negro neighborhoods because of the "overwhelming enthusiasm to the proposal by the white community," is scheduled to hold its next meeting on 5 February 1969. C. Sumner STONE, a member of the group's steering committee, said, "Then we'll decide where we go from here."

February 7-9

Atlanta, Georgia - A southwide conference of women is being planned for Agnes Scott College by the Southern Student Organizing Committee. Emphasizing "women's liberation" and concerning women's problems in society and the peace movement, many women actively working for social change on Southern campuses are expected to gather.

February 7-9

*Columbus, Ohio - The SDS will hold a regional conference at Ohio State University at Columbus. Expected to attend are SDS members from Chapters at Bowling Green University, Kent State University, Whittenberg University (Springfield), Ohio University, Central State University (Ohio), Antioch College, University of Michigan and others.

February 8

*Richmond, California - A coalition of left-liberal groups is being formed in California in response to a need for strong unified direction. An expanded planning committee is reported to be working vigorously to build an alliance of white and minority political groups to influence local, state and possibly national elections. A regional convention is set for 8 February 1969 in Richmond, California.

February 12-16

*Minneapolis, Minnesota - A national conference of black students is being planned at the University of Minnesota. The conference was one of the demands won by last week's sit-in by the school's Afro-American Action Committee.

February 13

Chicago, Illinois - Trial is scheduled to begin for eleven members of the Chicago Black Panther Party (BPP) who were arrested 19 December 1969 and charged with "unlawful use of weapons." BPP leaders said that four autos left BPP headquarters with 15-20 BPP members in response to an invitation for consultation by leaders of the "Blackstone Rangers" - Chicago area street gang. Three of the cars were stopped by police, allegedly for traffic violations, and some knives and at least one gun were reportedly found.

Claiming a frame-up, the BPP has hired attorneys and is raising money to fight the case.

February 22

Chicago, Illinois - A city-wide conference on peace will be held by the Chicago Peace Council, at the 8th Street YMCA. The meeting will reportedly deal with: The Vietnam War; Potential Vietnams; Racism and U. S. Foreign Policy; the Arms Race; and Repression - Trade Union, Civilian and GI.

March 3

The trial of James Earl RAY will apparently start on schedule. Judge W. Preston BATTLE of the Memphis Criminal Court has ordered the public defenders office to assign as many persons as necessary to work with defense attorney Percy FOREMAN in order to meet the trial schedule.

March 4

*Washington, D. C. - The New Party plans to inaugurate Dick GREGORY as shadow president of the United States at Washington. GREGORY stated at a recent news conference that planned events on the 4th of March (which he considers the astrologically legitimate date for an inaugural) will be completely peaceful.

The New Party co-chairman Gregory and Dr. James P. DIXON, president of Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, plan a shadow inauguration every four years until a New Party candidate actually wins the Presidency.

GREGORY and DIXON have announced plans to: form a shadow cabinet to comment on the performance of the administration and the "coalition congress"; present an alternative to the military-industrial complex budget prepared by the ruling parties which GREGORY terms "too immoral and too corrupt to govern; and to develop new foreign and domestic policies.

March 16

London, England - Mrs. Coretta KING, widow of Martin Luther KING, Jr., will be the first woman to preach at a regular service in St. Paul's Cathedral, according to authorities in London.

April 4

*The SCLC plans to make April 4 the anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther KING, Jr., a day of repentance for the nation. Blacks will boycott schools and businesses throughout the nation on that day according to Rev. Ralph D. ABERNATHY.

April 5-6

Toronto, Canada - The Communist Party of Canada will hold its 20th Convention Easter weekend.

April 6

(Easter Sunday) - At the sparsely attended "National GI-Civilian Anti-War Action Conference" held in Chicago December 27-29, it was announced that a large series of demonstrations would be held in six or seven U. S. cities on Easter Sunday. Cities mentioned are: Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Austin, Atlanta, and possibly Los Angeles. The reason for planning regional centers for the action rather than large

INTERNATIONAL demonstrations was to facilitate more local GI participation in various parts of the U. S. The Conference resolved to seek the support of the NMC for the April 6 demonstrations.

*Plans are reputedly well under way and the action has been endorsed by both the Chicago Peace Council and the Los Angeles Peace Action Council, two of the major regional anti-war coalitions in the U. S. In Seattle and Atlanta, anti-war GI's are already actively involved in planning for the demonstrations.

On January 13, the national office of the Student Mobilization Committee issued a call for international actions against the War, April 6. In the message to anti-war groups throughout the world, SMC included the request that, "In those countries where American servicemen are stationed, we call on the anti-war movement to make a special effort for GI participation in the peace demonstrations."

To build April 6 on the campuses, the New York SMC has suggested holding "preinduction orientation sessions - anti-war basic training." These sessions would be meant to prepare students subject to the draft to carry on legal anti-war activity while in the Army.

April 30-May 4

The National Executive Board and the National Committee of the C. F.; U. S. A., met earlier this month in New York City to make preparations for the Party's 19th National Convention. The National Committee endorsed a proposal that the National Convention be held from April 30 through May 4, 1969. Since the leadership has already delayed this National Convention for a year to avoid selection of a new leadership, it is possible that these dates were chosen with the view in mind that the convening of the International Conference of Communist Parties in Moscow could present a conflict in dates and an excuse for another postponement.

However, on 17 January call was issued for the Convention by Henry WINSTON, national chairman, and Gus HALL, general secretary. The call hails "the growing radicalization of black Americans, of workers, of students, and the youth."

*According to Leon SHENANDOAH, new Chief of the Iroquois Confederation, Indian tribes from all over North America will meet next summer to discuss such problems as land disputes and the need for more social services.

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